July 10th, 1919

Dr. Graham Chambers.

Dear Dr. Chambers:

At a meeting of the Board of Governors recently held Dr. Duncan Graham was appointed Professor of Medicine in the University, his appointment to date from the first of July. In accordance with this appointment and as involved in it, at a meeting of the Trustees of the Toronto General Hospital held yesterday Dr. Graham was also appointed head of the medical service in the Toronto General Hospital, and the Board at the same time constituted one service in the Department of Medicine over which Dr. Graham is to be finally responsible.

I am informing you of this myself so that you may know the decision as soon as possible, but you will doubtless hear before long from the Board of Trustees of the Hospital officially in regard to this matter.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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ADDRESS REPLY TO
THE SECRETARY, MILITIA COUNCIL
HEADQUARTERS,
OTTAWA, CANADA.

AND QUOTE NO. HQ372-2-137.

DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE

OTTAWA, August 9th.1919.

To,
Sir Robert Falconer,
President,
University of Toronto,
Toronto, Ont.

Lt.Colonel G. Chambers,
C.A.M.C.

My dear Sir Robert,-

With further reference to your communication of the 24th.June,1918, you are advised that the marginally named Officer has now returned to Canada from overseas, and is being struck off the strength of the Canadian Expeditionary Force, this date.

Yours very truly,

Falconer

Lt.Colonel, A.D.M.S.
for A/Director-General of Medical Services.

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March 27th, 1919

Dr. Grance Chambers,

England.

Dear Dr. Chambers:

At a meeting of the Board of Governors held yesterday Dr. Duncan Graham was appointed Professor of Medicine to fill a post created by the gift of half a million dollars from Sir Joseph and Lady Eaton for the establishment of a full-time chair of medicine in the University. Dr. Graham on the terms of this gift will devote all his time to the organization and direction of medicine. I am sorry that I have been unable to see you personally as I have seen the other Associate Professors on this matter. One of the conditions of the gift is that Dr. Graham shall have a free hand. It may therefore be necessary for the Associate Professors to resign from their active duties of teaching in the University, in case Dr. Graham should not find it fit in with his organization to make use of their services. Should that turn out so in the case of any individual the Board of Governors will continue the title of Associate Professor and the honorarium for a period of five years.

I hope that this new move will mean a very great development in the Department of Medicine and that you will co-operate with Dr. Graham so as to make it a success.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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26 Gerrard Street East

Toronto, August fifteenth, 1919.

Sir Robert Falconer,

President, University of Toronto.

Dear Sir:

A few days ago when I returned from England I learned that changes had been made in the Medical Staff of the Toronto General Hospital as well as in the Medical Faculty of the University, against which I am determined to protest.

I am writing you because I think it right that you should be aware of my intention. I feel that my Work in medicine during the War as well as previous to it should have been considered before such radical changes were made.

Yours truly,

Graham Chambers

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Huntsville, P.O. Ont.

Aug. 18th 1919.

Dear Dr Chambers;

Your letter of Aug. 8T was forwarded to me in northern Muskoka, where I am on my holiday. Apparently you did not get my letter before you left England with regard to the changes which are to be made both in the chair of Medicine in the University and in the Hospital. For this I am very sorry. As you are aware the changes are consequent upon the magnificent benefaction of Sir John and Lady Eaton. The purpose of the gift could not be carried into effect unless the Head professor of Medicine has full control to arrange his teaching in the Hospital as he may deem best; it was necessary therefore to ask the trustee of the Hospital to create one service in medicine.

In choosing Dr Graham no reflection was intended upon you or any other senior and what has followed was involved in his appointment. I have asked the governors of the University to retain the Associate Professors without change of rank, though not necessarily performing active duties in teaching, for the next five years. In introducing these changes, which we are persuaded will be to the great advantage of medical education, there would always be some dissatisfaction, and I can only express my regret that they should fall hardly upon you, though younger men who have a less securely established reputation will probably be more affected by them. Meantime let me say that I know that the Governors of the University are deeply grateful to you for your years of faithful service.

Yours very sincerely,